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BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$2500 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business*, is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor, his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 764

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$3,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—HON. JOHN BELL IRVING.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
O. D. BOTTOMLEY, Hon. A. P. McEWEN,
Esq. S. C. MICHAELSEN,
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B. LAXTON, Esq.

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LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Credits granted on London, and other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day admitted to PARTNERSHIP Mr. G. D. SCOTT. The Firm will henceforth be known as LIGHTWOOD & SCOTT, Share and General Booksellers.

H. H. LIGHTWOOD.

1st March, 1888. 338

NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has this Day been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 5

PUBLICATIONS.

'CHINA MAIL' OFFICE

CHINA REVIEW—published once in Two Months.
OVERLAND CHINA MAIL—for every Weekly Mail.

CHINA MAIL—Every Day.

Orders for Printing and Book-binding promptly executed at MODERATE CHARGES.

'CHINA MAIL' OFFICE,
2, Wyndham Street (behind the 'W').

Hongkong, August 26, 1888. 168

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the WARD ROOM OFFICERS of H.M.S. *Sir*, will hold themselves in NO WAY RESPONSIBLE for DEBTS Contracted by their Messman Hong CHIN-SANG.

(Hongkong, March 3, 1888.) 364

WANTED.

A FURNISHED HOUSE.—Possession immediately.

Address A. B., OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888. 355

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON and COTTON YARN at the KOWLOON WHARF will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 Cents per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1888. 2148

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALITY & MARITIME CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CHRISTOFLE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

DIAMOND'S

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following telegram from the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1888. 350

1st March, 1888.

GOVERNOR, Hongkong.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT have declared all Ports in China of Chinese Dependencies to be Quarantine ports on arrival for Twenty-one Days after arrival will be required at Dr. T. H. D. except as regards persons not being Chinese arriving by vessels.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied BILLARD' D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1888. 1312

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

1st March, 1888.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 324

1st March, 1888.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, July 18, 1888. 1187

1st March, 1888.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, October 31, 1888. 2130

1st March, 1888.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, January 21, 1888. 285

1st March, 1888.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, February 21, 1888. 261

1st March, 1888.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, March 1, 1888. 302

1st March, 1888.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISIT

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. PATHAN, FROM GLASGOW,
LIVERPOOL, LONDON, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWNS CO. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before noon to-day, the 3rd instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 9th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 9th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 355

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking cargo & passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHIEFOO, NEW-
CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Anchises,
Captain HALL, will be
despatched as above to
MORROW, the 6th instant, at daylight.

For freight or passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 326

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUL
The Co.'s Steamship
Fornax,
Captain HALL, will be
despatched for the above
port on THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at
daylight.

For freight or passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 367

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Taking through cargo for QUEENSLAND
PORTS, ADELAIDE, TASMANIA,
NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamer
Aphrodite,
Captain ROY, due about
10th instant, with part
cargo from JAPAN, will be
despatched as above on
the 21st instant.

Freight or passage (\$150), apply to

IBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Managers.

March 5, 1888. 368

STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking cargo & passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHIEFOO, NEW-
CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Stentor,
Capt. MILLIGAN, will be
despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 13th instant.

For freight or passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 370

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT
SAID, BRINDISI AND TRIESTE.

(Taking cargo at through rates to CAL-
CUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN
GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and
ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Titania,
Captain M. GAROFOLICH,
will be despatched as above on
THURSDAY, the 16th March, at
noon.

For further particulars, regarding freight
and passage, apply to the AGENT of the
Company, Praya Central.

O. BACHRACH,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 371

HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Sixteenth Ordinary General MEET-
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS of
the Company will be held on FRIDAY,
the 9th instant, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the
Company.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 373

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

ITALIAN WORKS OF ART IN

MARBLE, ALABASTER, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to sell by public auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 10th of March, 1888, at 3 p.m., at his
Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

(Without Reserve),

GRAND COLLECTION OF

SCULPTURES IN MARBLE,
ALABASTER, &c.

Just arrived in this Colony and comprising:

ROMAN AND FLORENTINE VASES, TAZZAS,
FRUIT-STANDS, STATUETTES, GROUPS OF
FIGURES AND ANIMALS, CANDLESTICKS, CAN-
DELIERS, FEUITS, MOSAIC TABLES, and a
great variety of ORNAMENTS &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the
Sale, and the above will be on view on
Friday next.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 306

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fourth Ordinary General MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be
held at the Office of the Company, Praya
Central, on TUESDAY, 13th March, at
3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the General
Manager, and electing a Consulting Com-
mittee and Auditor.

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 372

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Huntington having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into
the KOWLOON WHARF AND
GODOWNS COMPANY'S West Point Godown,
whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
11th instant will be subject to rent. No fire
insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 368

TO DEPART.
For AMOY, 200 Chinese.
For HONGKONG, 10 Chinese.
For SINGAPORE, 12 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Diamond reports :
From port to port, experienced fine, bright
pleasant weather, and smooth sea.

The British steamer China reports : Had

fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Anchises reports : Had

moderate N.E. monsoon, with slight
E.S.E. swell throughout. Towed into Hong-

kong, steamer Huntington.

The British steamer Tainan reports : Ex-
perienced light monsoon and fine weather.

On 2nd instant, spoke steamer Pen-
brooke, from Hongkong, bound to Singa-
pore. 2 days out, lat. 20° 16' N., and long.
141° 14' E.

The British steamer Peichi reports : Anchored 12 hours of Gutzlaff, with thick
fog, clear, from thence to Octopus; to port
foggy weather. On February 29th, spoke
steamer Gloucester, from Hongkong off
Steep Jannah. On the 1st instant, spoke
steamer Tsim and Leedoo off Pukeshan.

The British steamer Huntington reports : Had fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Devanport reports : Ex-
perienced fine weather and light mon-
soon in the China seas.

The British steamer Fokome reports : First
light, fine weather, and light mon-
soon in the China seas.

The British steamer Chapman and St. Toma-
son, off Tung-ying.

The British steamer Diepdale reports : Had fine clear weather till Sunday, then
a stiff gale from the Northward.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.

Daylight.—Anchises leaves for S'hai, etc.

Noon.—Lombardy leaves for Singapore.

4 p.m.—Diamond leaves for Manila.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.HAVE JUST RECEIVED
THE ANNUAL SUPPLY
OF LAWN GRASS SEEDAND
SWEET CORN,
FOR IMMEDIATE SOWING.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, March 4, 1888. 351

The publication of this issue commenced
at 8.00 a.m.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—

Per Lombardy, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday,
the 6th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.
Per Huitan, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday,
the 6th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Maru, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the
6th inst.

For AMOY and MANILA.—

Per Diuante, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday,
the 6th inst.

Per Junan, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday,
the 7th inst.

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, March 5.

ONPIOU.—
New Patna, cash, 492^{1/2}
Old cash, 492^{1/2}

New Benares, cash, 482^{1/2} to 485

Old cash, 482^{1/2} to 485

New Malwa, cash, 560

Allowance, Taels, 3240

Old Malwa, cash, 680

Allowance, Taels, 3240

Persian Oily, cash, 600

Allowance, Taels, 3240

Persian Paper, cash, 640

Allowance, Taels, 3240

EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, March 5.

ON London—

Bank, Wts., 3/04

On demand, 3/05

30 days sight, 3/03

4 months sight, 3/1

Credit, 3/14

Documentary, 4 months sight, 3/18

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, 24th Feb.—The Official Mes-
senger of St. Petersburg states that Russia
seeks to bring the Powers first to decide
that the Treaty of Berlin must be upheld,
then to induce the Sultan to inform the
Bulgarians that the rule of Prince Ferdinand
is illegal, but that Russia rejects the
idea of using force to restore the former
state.

The North German Gazette states that
Germany will support the Russian pro-
posal, and that the Porte is certain to ac-
quiesce.

Lord Salisbury says that war with Bulgaria
would be a disgrace to Europe.

THE CROWN PRINCE.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—The news from San
Bona is decidedly more hopeful.

[This telegram is only three days earlier
than the one received here stating that the
Queen had received a telegram to the effect
that the life of the Crown Prince was de-
paired of.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD.—AUSTRIA, FRIEDRICH, Jan.
23; STRADELLA, UPPINGHAM, 14;

GRASFELD, OLYMPIA, ALBONOR, 17;

BAUDLAUER, OCEAN, PATROCLUS, 21;

The Straits Times—The ravages of the troops in Acheen may be judged of from the fact that, but January, no less than 1,300 of them had to be invalidated in consequence. The Java Army is so small, that it cannot stand any longer this terrible drain upon its strength. Disinfection and sanitation have alike failed to stay the disease. The evacuation of Acheen seems to be the only way to check it. The subversion of the Achinese is at an end.

According to the Mainichi Nishinom, Mr. Oodera, residing in Takashima-cho, Kita-bashikin in Tokyo, who visited the United States last year and brought back with him some five or six hundred cows and oxen, has found a good market here and sold the whole stock as soon as they arrived. As it is difficult to satisfy the wishes of all his clients as to the particular breed of cattle, &c., he has determined to receive orders and thus to purchase the animals in the United States. It is state that he has already received orders for some two hundred cattle, and will depart for America in April, to fill these commissions.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.—The great Powers are said to be walking round and showing their muscles, and circling each other with distrust. M. Henry (of Houff) de Marais endeavours to silence any apprehension on the part of his countrymen by declaring that France is quite ready to fight Germany, and in the great battle, soon to be fought in the valley of the Marne, will not find herself outnumbered. As for the Italians siding with the Germans, he shows that everything will have been decided before they can cross the Alps. If the Germans suffer defeat, the Italians will not dare to attempt an invasion; and if France is beaten, their aid will be unnecessary. So writes M. Henry de Marais in *Le France*, which paper proposes that an army of 100,000 natives should be raised in North Africa. Was not General Stobbe, when he visited Paris, surprised to find that France had not made more out of the valiant populations of Algeria and Tunis? More sober French writers point out that Germany, by her recent military laws, has greatly increased her strength, and that the Emperor of Germany can now dispense of 2,918,000 drilled and organised soldiers ready to field the direly war is declared—1,728,000 first line and 1,190,000 second line. —*Army and Navy Gazette*.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS.—According to figures obtained by the American *Exchan* and *Review* the capital employed in the United States at present in manufacturing is about 3,000,000,000 dollars, in nearly 300,000 establishments. Fire loss per annum attending such value is about 50,000,000 dollars, or an average yearly of sixty cents per 100 dollars of value in peril of fire. The estimated loss by strikes as regards the manufacturers is three-fourths of that by fire. Annual production of the manufacturers reaches a value per annum of 5,000,000,000 dollars, upon which the net earning is approximately 7 per cent., and if any means could have been suggested by which the business carried on by these agencies could have been got at in the way of obtaining a fair contribution to the revenue of the Colony, no such difference would have been proposed. But there were certain circumstances connected with Fire insurance, which if he was not misinformed did make it desirable to establish some difference. The Government Fire Brigade, as an aggregate insurable value upon the basis named, which value is subject to a loss of about 15,000,000 dollars, or 2.15 per cent., or an annual tax upon the 3,000,000,000 dollars, capital employed of one-half of 1 per cent., or 50 cents per 100 dollars, if it should be so viewed. But in this case the capital is not taxed as the charge would be upon the profit, and whether it is worth while for those concerned to pay an expense of 4.30 per cent. of the profit to save the rest, are matters now proceeding, is for those concerned to determine. —*Stockholder*.

The N.C. Daily News says—We have been favoured with the following extracts from a letter from Berlin on the new German bank:—

The members of the Syndicate are most powerful. I do not know all of them, but Königlich Seehandlung, Deutsche Bank, Blaichroder, Krupp, Stern, Warschauer, those last two always run coupled—are among them, and there are others equally strong. At first there were two distinct groups with the same object, but by Government persuasion they have been merged into one. The movement is furthered by the German Minister at Peking who has given encouragements of a specific nature, of the exact nature only the initiated know. I dare say the Chinese authorities have held out a certain readiness to favour German nations in Government contracts, and to push German interests still more. Herr Von Brandt takes a German bank in China to be a necessity. The idea in starting the bank is not exactly to make money by banking, though of course an eye is cast in that direction also—but the chief object is to get Government contracts either for the bank or for their proteges, such as Krupp, to make money out of these contracts, and to offer together with their tenders the money to carry out the contracts, for which advances, Government loans are to be floated in Europe.

At first bank was to be started with one million sterling capital, it will hardly matter what amount they will start with since they have millions at their back. They want to have their capital in silver currency; this German law does not admit, hence they are trying to get the law changed. It will take some time, and I hardly fancy that a movement will be made for several months.

The bank is to start in Shanghai and is to spread gradually to other places in the East as requirements may demand.

The Utopian idea in Berlin is that China will at once open out to European civilization. Dreams of railways, of embanking the Yellow River, of an Imperial mint and such like gigantic works are indulged in.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present—H. E. Sir William Das-Veaux, K. C. M. G., Governor; His Honour Mr. J. Russell, Acting Chief Justice; Hon. F. Stewart Colonial Secretary; Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General; Hon. A. Lister, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. H. G. Thomsett, Harbour Master; Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. Wong Shing, Hon. J. Bell-Irving, Hon. A. P. MacEwan, Hon. C. P. Chater, and Mr. Seth, Clerk of Councils.

VOTES PASSED.

The vote recommended by the Finance Committee at last meeting were passed.

THE SUPPLY OF SMALL COINS.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table correspondence with regard to the supply of small coins. He explained that the proposal was 8 per cent. He mentioned this because on a previous occasion he stated the profit was 6 per cent., basing his statement on a report made up to 1874. The present report was made up to a later date.

THE STAMP DUTIES AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the second reading of this Ordinance. Since the original Stamp Ordinance was passed 22 years ago there had been several reductions

of the tariff, generally made with a view of distributing the stamp duties leviable more equitably among different classes of the Community. The last revision, made in 1866, was a great success, and since then they had not had those complaints of inequality and anomalies in the stamp tariff which used to be made before. It had worked without any complaint, and the revenue was certainly very satisfactory. There was, however, one problem before those who made the revision of 1866 which seemed to defy all solution, at the time, and which had not met with any solution since, and that was the taking of some sort of contribution to the revenue from those Insurance Companies which were not registered here but were agencies of Insurance Companies established elsewhere. The master met with the most careful consideration, and the leading manager of Insurance business here was being able to induce Her Majesty's Government to look upon it in some other light than they had done. This would explain the suspension clause at the end of the ordinance.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

With reference to Section 44 Mr. Lister explained that documents sent here, having no connection with the colony were by this action exempt from any stamp. The Bill was passed through Committee.

THE FIRE PRESCRIPTION ORDINANCE.

On the motion of the Attorney General the Council went into Committee on this Bill and agreed to the deletion of the first five sections. The other sections with slight amendments were passed, and the Bill was finally read a third time and passed.

THE RATING ORDINANCE.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the second reading of this ordinance. He said it was a most important measure and he did not mean to do more than to explain its provisions to-day. He would not detain the Council explaining how the rating machinery of the Colony very nearly broke all, the outside four, of whom was his Excellency, who were not more or less interested in house property. He would ask his honourable friends not to look on it as a question merely for a day but as a law which would hold good for ten years. If any one's corns had been tampered with, it was entirely unimportant and he asked them all to forget these matters. He was misunderstood about the extension of the basis of rating. It was thought he meant to tax windows, and many other things. He only wished that no property should be taxed and that by the area being broadened the amount to each might be reduced.

The Bill was read a second time and the Council adjourned to Friday fortnight.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. A. J. Leach, Acting Justice Judge.)

Monday, March 5.

PITMAN V. SCOTT—DECISION.

Further evidence was heard in this case to-day. The claim is one for \$15, which sum was said to have been unlawfully detained by the defendant as master of the S. S. *Mary Austin*. Mr. Webber appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Wotton for the defendant.

Capt. Scott, the defendant, recalled:—I charged in my account wages to the 15th of October. I was really engaged from the 1st of October up to the 23rd conducting the ship's business. If the transfer papers had come down sooner I could have left earlier. The papers arrived on the 17th and 18th and were in Mr. Wotton's name. We had no means of proving how he came to be the registered owner of the vessel, and owing to the difficulties raised at this point it was the 22nd or 23rd before the transfer was completed. My expenses for 17 days' board and carriage hire were about \$50. This I have not charged in any other form against plaintiff. Although I was engaged up to the 23rd I only charged for fifteen days.

By Mr. Webber—My first conversation with plaintiff about selling the *Mary Austin* took place in November 1886. I was then going down to take charge of the *Mary Austin*. Captain Chappell was in command when I went to Singapore. In any of my letters from that time up to 1st October 1887 I made no mention of commission. There was no mention of it in any of his letters to me. There was no need for mentioning it, as there was no chance of selling the ship. When I wrote the letter on 2nd October in which I said I have no doubt you will be willing to pay me a commission of 3 per cent., I had no doubt in my mind about the commission being promised. I simply thought it would be as well to remind him of it then. The ship was not put into dock in order to be surveyed for her sale; she was put in at the ordinary course of business. The vessel ceased to have agents in Singapore. I wrote a letter on 3rd April; I wrote offering to act as agent for the vessel. I got no direct answer to that letter, but when the agents were discharged three months afterwards Mr. Pitman asked me to do the best I could for him. All the debts of the ship were not paid up to that time. Messrs Scott and Co. paid over \$70 to me, retaining the rest to pay their own claims. There was \$120 a month paid for the charter of the vessel. Messrs Scott and Co. received the charter money in advance. When the *Mary Austin* was sold my wages ceased on the day of the sale. I got no commission on that transaction. I was paid up to the date of the sale. There is still \$25 due to me on that ship. Mr. Pitman gave me a note for it, but it was not honoured. I was away with the *Mary Austin* some six days during the period from the 1st to the 14th October. The passage money I charge is simply for my own passage. I actually paid that amount for my passage and more. The men were paid up to the 1st October, and the new owners put their own crew on board. The bargain money was deposited on 23rd September and carried out on 1st October. At this time the ship was under liabilities of which Captain Scott did not apparently know the exact amount because he in one letter he called them over \$100, in another \$200 and ultimately \$3,500, which sum he wired for authority to take out of the purchase money, which is eventually effected for \$1200. The contract was made on 2nd September and carried out on 1st October. By His Lordship—I see the letter of 23rd Sept. When I wrote the letter in which the reference is made to commission I had some little doubt about it as the agents told me they had never got their commission on the sale of the former vessel, and advised me to be careful of Mr. Pitman. The first intimation I had of Mr. Pitman was on the 1st or 2nd of October, when I received a letter from him. This concluded the evidence.

Mr. Wotton, in addressing His Lordship for the defence, said there were three questions to be answered in the case—1st, whether defendant was entitled to 3 per cent. commission on the sale of the former vessel; 2nd, whether he was entitled to his remuneration for the time he was employed after the conclusion of the contract. On the first two points the defendant simply claimed under contract entered into between himself and plaintiff, which was concluded when the vessel was sold on the 1st of October 1887. Even supposing the defendant had not chosen as he did to remain at Singapore in connection with the ship's business, he would have been entitled to compensation as to the agreement made between them. Therefore, anything defendant did after he had actually brought the purchaser to his return passage from Singapore and 3rd, whether he was entitled to his remuneration for the time he was employed after the conclusion of the contract. 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3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.

6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.